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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking acceptance/regression testing of software via a communications network, the method comprising:
  - receiving data representing a function of the software to be tested;
  - storing the data representing the function of the software to be tested in an acceptance/regression testing database, the acceptance/regression testing database modifiable by a vendor of the software and by a client of the vendor;
  - receiving an identifier of a technician assigned to test the function;
  - storing the identifier in the acceptance/regression testing tracking database;
  - receiving an indication of a result of the technician's testing of the function; and
  - storing the indication in the acceptance testing tracking database.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the data representing a function of the software to be tested is received from a the vendor.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the data representing a function of the software to be tested is received from a the client of a the vendor.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically assigning a ticket number to the function to be tested.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the ticket number is a unique sequential number.
6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the ticket number is computer-generated.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
  - receiving an indicator of a severity of a function to be tested; and

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storing the indicator of severity of the function in the database.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communications network is an intranet.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein only members of an authorized group have access to the acceptance/regression tracking application.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the members of the authorized group comprise employees of a the client.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the employees of a client authorized to have access to the acceptance/regression tracking application are represented by a list of user identification codes.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the members of an authorized group comprise employees of a the vendor.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the employees if a vendor authorized to have access to the acceptance/regression tracking application are represented by a list of user identification codes.
14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the members of an authorized group comprise geographically diverse users.
15. (Original) A computer-readable medium containing computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.
16. (Currently Amended) A system for tracking acceptance/regression testing results, the system comprising:

a client computing device communicatively coupled to a communications network;

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a server computing device communicatively to a client computing device via the communications network; and

computer executable instructions stored on the server computing device for performing the following:

receiving data representing a function of the software to be tested;

storing the data representing the function of the software to be tested in an acceptance/regression testing database, the acceptance/regression testing database modifiable by a vendor of the software and a client of the vendor;

receiving an identifier of a technician assigned to test the function;

storing the identifier in the acceptance/regression testing tracking database;

receiving an indication of a result of the technician's testing of the function; and

storing the indication in the acceptance testing tracking database.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein the communications network is the Internet.

18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the communications network in an intranet.